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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FY 1965

1. Deployment:

25X1 a. The Agency Detachment is designed to support a sustained rate of four operational overflight sorties per month. Sorties will originate and recover [ ] or a designated forward base.

b. A total of ten A-12 aircraft is required to support programmed requirements. These resources will be allocated in the following manner:

25X1 All aircraft assets will be located [ ] which will be used as a permanent launch and/or support base for forward area stagings as required. Of the ten assigned aircraft -

(1) Two are anticipated to be required as test beds for continued research and development,

(2) One aircraft undergoing IRAN inspection,

(3) One aircraft (dual seat) for training, and

(4) Six aircraft in the operational fleet.

25X1 c. [ ] will maintain the capability of conducting operational missions as may be required anywhere in the world. In addition this detachment will act as the development base for new equipment, tactics and the training of replacement personnel.

d. Selected forward staging bases are available for either post/pre-strike or emergency recovery bases. These support bases are manned and equipped full time adequately to perform their mission. They are -

(1) Eielson AFB, Alaska

(2) [ ]

(3) [ ]

(4) Kadena AFB, Okinawa.

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2. Mission - Mission Planning:

a. Mission:

To conduct overflight and peripheral aerial reconnaissance over denied territory on a world-wide basis in support of national intelligence objectives.

b. Requirements are determined by the intelligence community as expressed by the USIB and COMOR. Special Group approvals will be obtained prior to execution.

c. All mission planning, direction and control will be accomplished by or under the direct supervision of Project Headquarters.

3. Sorties/Utilization:

Aircraft sortie generation and flying or utilization are indicated in Attachment 1.

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ATTACHMENT 1

# ESTIMATED SORTIE/UTILIZATION

1. A sortie generation capability to support required operational, training and test/product improvement flying must be maintained.

## a. Directed operational missions:

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Reconnaissance	48	9	432
Ferry	18	2	56
Air Spare	<u>30</u>	2	<u>60</u>
	96		548

## b. Training/Test missions:

Although operational missions will provide some flying time creditable toward pilot training, it will be necessary to program sufficient sorties and hours to insure a minimum of twelve hours/month/pilot for combat ready pilots and to provide for replacement pilot training.

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Training <input type="text"/>	304	3	912
Test/R & D	<u>140</u>	2	<u>240</u>
	444		1152

## c. Total sorties/flying hours:

<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
540	1700

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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FY 1965

1. Deployment:

a. With the consistent pattern of increasing employment of the U-2 intelligence gathering capabilities, it is anticipated that FY 65 will continue to see the heavy exploitation of these resources.

b. A minimum of nine operational aircraft, equipped with J-75 engines and a standard wiring configuration to allow for complete interchangeability of equipment, is required to support this operational concept. These resources will normally be allocated in the following manner:



(2) Five operational aircraft at Detachment G, North Edwards Air Force Base, California.

(3) One aircraft employed as a research and development/product-improvement test bed, and

(4) One aircraft undergoing IRAN.

Of the nine aircraft in the inventory, five will be capable of inflight refueling, two specially configured for carrier operations, and two without refueling or carrier configurations.

c. Detachment G at Edwards Air Force Base, California, will maintain a dual staging capability necessary to insure ability to conduct operational missions as may be required anywhere in the world. In addition this detachment acts as a development base for new equipment, tactics and the training of replacement personnel.



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e. Numerous bases in strategic locations are identified for temporary stagings necessary in the execution of project requirements. The principals of these are [REDACTED]

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2. Mission - Mission Planning:

a. Mission:

To conduct overflight and peripheral aerial reconnaissance over denied territory on a world-wide basis in support of national intelligence objectives.

b. Targeting:

Requirements are determined by the intelligence community as expressed by the USIB and COMOR. Special Group approvals are obtained prior to execution.

c. All mission planning, direction and control is accomplished by Project Headquarters.

3. Sorties - Utilization:

Aircraft sortie generation and flying hour utilization are as indicated in Attachment 1.

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ATT 1

## ESTIMATED SORTIE/UTILIZATION

1. A sortie generation capability to support required operational, training and test/product improvement flying must be maintained.

a. Directed operational missions:

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Photo/ELINT	48	8	384
Photo/ELINT	18	11*	198
AFTAC	36	8	288
Ferry	14	8	112
Ferry	36	10*	360
	152		1342

\*Inflight refueled missions.

b. Training/test missions:

Although the principal training requirement for pilots will be satisfied by operational flying, it is necessary to insure an average minimum of twelve hours/month/pilot and provide for new pilot training, tests and tactics upgrade training. Additional sorties are programmed to meet specific training and test requirements.

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c. Total sorties/flying hours:

<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Hours</u>
536	2494

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